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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2094)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 7, 2012)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to mandatory reporting of school employee
- 2 misconduct to the board of educational examiners.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 272.15, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
- 2 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 a. (1) The board of directors of a school district or area
- 4 education agency, the superintendent of a school district,
- 5 the chief administrator of an area education agency, and
- 6 the authorities in charge of an accredited nonpublic school
- 7 shall report to the board any instance of disciplinary action
- 8 taken against a licensed school employee by the board of
- 9 directors of the school district or area education agency, the
- 10 superintendent of the school district, the chief administrator
- 11 of the area education agency, or the authorities in charge of
- 12 the accredited nonpublic school for conduct constituting any
- 13 of the following:
- 14 (a) Soliciting, encouraging, or consummating a romantic or
- 15 otherwise inappropriate relationship with a student.
- (b) Falsifying student grades, test scores, or other
- 17 official information or material.
- 18 (c) Converting public property or funds to the personal use
- 19 of the school employee.
- 20 (2) The board of directors of a school district or area
- 21 education agency, the superintendent of a school district or,
- 22 the chief administrator of an area education agency, and the
- 23 authorities in charge of a an accredited nonpublic school
- 24 shall report to the board the nonrenewal or termination, for
- 25 reasons of alleged or actual misconduct, of a person's contract
- 26 executed under sections 279.12, 279.13, 279.15 through 279.21,
- 27 279.23, and 279.24, and the resignation of a person who holds a
- 28 license, certificate, or authorization issued by the board as a
- 29 result of or following an incident or allegation of misconduct
- 30 that, if proven, would constitute a violation of the rules
- 31 adopted by the board to implement section 272.2, subsection 14,
- 32 paragraph "b", subparagraph (1), (1); soliciting, encouraging,
- 33 or consummating a romantic or otherwise inappropriate
- 34 relationship with a student; falsifying student grades,
- 35 test scores, or other official information or material; or

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- 1 converting public property or funds to the personal use of the
- 2 school employee, when the board or reporting official has a
- 3 good faith belief that the incident occurred or the allegation
- 4 is true. The board may deny a license or revoke the license
- 5 of an administrator if the board finds by a preponderance
- 6 of the evidence that the administrator failed to report the
- 7 termination or resignation of a school employee holding a
- 8 license, certificate, statement of professional recognition,
- 9 or coaching authorization, for reasons of alleged or actual
- 10 misconduct, as defined by this section.